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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Naomi FUJIMORI, Toshiya SEKO, Katsuhiko YAMADA, Mineo MUKAI, and Noriyuki SHIINA

Ser. No.: 10/584,648

Group Art Unit: 1783

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Examiner: Alicia Ann Chevalier

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For: EMBOSSED RELEASE PAPER FOR SYNTHETIC LEATHER PRODUCTION AND SUPPORT THEREFOR, AND SYNTHETIC LEATHER USING THE RELEASE PAPER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SYNTHETIC LEATHER

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection asserted in the Office Action mailed November 23, 2010. Claims 1-32 are pending herein. Claims 15-31 have been withdrawn from further consideration by the PTO.

Claims 1-14 and 32 were rejected under §102(e) over Kuepfer et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kuepfer et al. has an effective prior art date under §102(e) as of its filing date, May 26, 2004. The present application claims priority back to JP 2003-432621, which was filed in Japan on December 26, 2003. A verified English translation of JP '621 is filed herewith. Applicants respectfully submit that JP '621 supports all of the features recited in claims 1-14 and 32.

In view of the foregoing, Kuepfer et al. no longer qualifies as prior art under §102(e) with respect to the present application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection based on Kuepfer et al. are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment:

- Verified English Translation of JP 2003-432631

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